TRADE

Agricultural Products

Agreement Between
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and PANAMA

Signed at Washington and Panama City
December 20, 2006

NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

". . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof."

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December 20, 2006;
Entered into force December 20, 2006.

UNITED STATES-PANAMA
AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL TRADE

WHEREAS, in the course of negotiations regarding a free trade agreement between their governments, delegations of the United States of America ("United States") and the Republic of Panama ("Panama") ("the Parties") discussed cooperation on trade in agricultural products, the Parties now agree as follows:

The United States and Panama pledge to urge their specialized agencies:

1. to undertake technical and scientific work with a view to facilitating market access for poultry and pork products under the proposed free trade agreement to their mutual benefit;

2. to undertake technical and scientific work with a view to facilitating market access for horticultural products under the proposed free trade agreement to their mutual benefit; and

3. to undertake technical and scientific work to assist Panama in achieving the designation of "Mediterranean Fruit Fly Free Area(s)" for area(s) in producing regions in Panama for which such a designation is feasible.

This agreement shall enter into force on this day.

Done in Washington, DC and Panama City on December 20, 2006.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Susan C. Schwab
U.S. Trade Representative

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA:

The Board of Directors of the Panamanian Food Safety Authority

Alejandro Ferrer
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Minister of Agricultural Development

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